The 3 W's of Weatherization

What ...is weatherization?

Simply put, weatherization makes sure that your home holds heat or air conditioning in, while keeping cold or hot air out. This can be as simple as repairing a broken window or as complex as replacing your furnace.

Why ...should I weatherize my home?

Not only will weatherization make your home more comfortable, it will save you money! By weatherizing your home, you are keeping your house at a constant temperature. Without it, your house could lose heat or air conditioning, making your units work harder to keep the house at a consistent temperature, increasing your utility costs.

Who

...can I call for weatherization assistance?

Through its Division of Community Resources, DCA offers the Weatherization Assistance program and the Home Energy Assistance program.

Weatherization Assistance (609) 292-6140

Home Energy Assistance program 1-800-510-3102



DCA's **Division of Community Resources** is committed to building neighborhoods. Working with nonprofit organizations, municipalities, private developers and the **NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency** (HMFA), the Division is responsible for grant and loan programs that promote economic and community development through housing and other support services.



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All the comforts of home...

Weatherization & Home Energy Assistance Programs



Susan Bass Levin Commissioner

Greetings from Commissioner Levin

No matter the season or what the weather is like outside, the temperature of your home should suit your needs. That is why through DCA, we provide the Weatherization and the Home Energy Assistance programs to assist those who need help managing their utilities' effectiveness and paying their bills on time.

he comforts of home affect every aspect of our lives and the lives of our children. Without the proper weatherization, that home environment could be compromised. We are dedicated to making sure no New Jersey resident has to worry about this.

his brochure offers information on why you should weatherize your home, how to go about doing it and who to call. I hope you utilize the resources available through both the state and federal governments.

With this assistance, we can all enjoy the true comforts of home.

> Susan Bass Levin Commissioner

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How Will I Know If My Home Needs Weatherization?

What to look for...

- Compare your utility bills to last year's
- Look for "leaks" near windows, doors, baseboards, walls and ceiling joints
- Check insulated areas make sure there is enough insulation throughout the entire area
- Make sure doors and windows close correctly

Tools you can use and that are provided by the Weatherization Program...

- Insulation
- Caulking
- Weather stripping
- Repair or replace windows, furnace / boiler, heat exchanger or distribution systems

What Help Is Available?

Weatherization Assistance Program

This program works with community-based agencies to assist elderly, handicapped and people with low-incomes in weatherizing your homes to improve your heating system efficiency, conserve energy and decrease utility bills. The program also provides funds to pay heating bills under emergency circumstances.

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible, call (609) 292-6140.

Home Energy Assistance (HEA) Program

Home Energy Assistance helps pay home energy bills for households with limited income. This program provides heating, cooling and emergency energy assistance to eligible applicants.

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible, call 1-800-510-3102.

For more information about weatherization programs in your county, call:

Atlantic 609-348-4469

Bergen 201-968-0200

Burlington 609-239-4005

Camden 856-910-1180

Cape May 609-348-4469

Cumberland 1-856-455-5900

Essex 973-485-0701 City of Newark 973-497-9506

Gloucester 1-856-455-5900

Hudson City of Bayonne 201-437-7222

Hudson (Excluding Bayonne) 201-864-3774

Hunterdon 908-454-7000

Mercer 609-989-6959

Middlesex 732-828-4541 Monmouth 732-774-3100

Morris 973-366-1131

Ocean 732-244-5333

Passaic City of Passaic

973-305-5730 **Passaic**

City of Paterson 973-279-2333

> **Passaic** (Excluding cities of Passaic & Paterson) 973-472-2478

Salem 1-800-455-5900

Somerset & Sussex 908-454-7000

Union 908-351-7727

Warren 908-454-7000

Powhatan Renape Nation 609-261-4747 (Providing weatherization assistance in

Southern NJ)